

Public Notice

State of Maine
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Public Notice for RFP # 201307567
Maine Farms for the Future Program, Round 13: Phase 1 - Business
Plan Development with potential Phase 2 Investment Support in 2015.

The State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Agricultural Resource Development has a requirement for business plan development (Phase 1) and investment support (Phase 2) as authorized through the Maine Farms for the Future Program (Title 7, MRS Chapter 10-B). In accordance with State procurement practices, the Department is hereby announcing the publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) # **201307567** for the purchase of the aforementioned services.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the Department at the following email address: Kimbalie.Lawrence@maine.gov, or mailing address: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Farms for the Future Program – Round 13, Room 314, 28 SHS, Augusta, ME, 04333-0028. The Department encourages all interested vendors to obtain a copy of the RFP and submit a competitive proposal.

The **deadline for submitting written questions** is Wednesday, September 18th, 2013, 5:00 p.m. local time. Interested bidders may submit questions by emailing: Stephanie.Gilbert@Maine.gov or by mailing to: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Farms for the Future Program - Round 13, Room 314, 28 SHS, Augusta, ME, 04333-0028.

A **Bidders' Conference** will be held at the Department Offices on Thursday, September 26th, 2013, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM, in Room 319 of the Deering Building located at 90 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine.

Proposals must be submitted to the State of Maine Division of Purchases, located at the Burton M. Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, 4th Floor, 9 State House Station, Augusta, Maine, 04333-0009. **Proposals must be submitted by 2:00 pm, local time, on Monday, October 7th, 2013**, when they will be opened at the Division of Purchases' aforementioned address. Proposals not received at the Division of Purchases' aforementioned address by the aforementioned deadline will not be considered for contract award.
